

## APD NEWS

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## APD announces "No-Refusal" for Fourth of July Weekend

The Austin Police Department will enforce a "No-Refusal" initiative for the Fourth of July Weekend. The initiative will start at 9 p.m. on Saturday July 3, 2010 and will end on Sunday July 4, 2010 at 5 a.m.

The DWI initiative is an effort to enforce DWI laws, keep the public safe, and to conduct blood search warrants on suspects who refuse to give a breath or blood specimen as required by law. This includes new DWI laws that recently went into effect starting Sept. 1, 2009. A high number of DWI arrests are made in Austin each year. About 25% of last year's traffic fatalities were alcohol related.

APD is focused on saving lives on the streets and highways of Austin and making Austin roadways safe for everyone through education and enforcement.

"Fourth of July Weekend No-Refusal" Saturday July 3, 2010 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

**Media advisory**: Personnel from Highway enforcement will be available at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 2, 2010.

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